

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 herein to recite a method for dialysis comprising dialyzing a protein-containing liquid against a dialysate comprising recombinant HSA, rather than reciting the use of recombinant HSA in dialysis, it recites. Claims 2-18 have been amended for consistency with present claim 1. Claim 53 has been amended to recite a "method for treatment of liver failure" rather than the "use of recombinant HSA in preparation of a medicament for the treatment of liver failure." Applicants also have added new claims 54-59. Claim 54 depends from claim 1, and recites that the protein-containing liquid is blood or plasma. Claim 55 depends from claim 54, and recites that the blood or plasma is from a patient undergoing treatment for liver failure. Claim 56 depends from claim 15, and recites that the HSA is present in the dialysate liquid and attached at least one side of the membrane. Claims 57-59 depend from claim 53, and recite that the recombinant HSA is present in the dialysate liquid, attached to at least one side of the membrane, or both. Support for these amendments is found in the original claims and throughout Applicants' specification. Thus, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that claims 1-18 and 53-59 be examined in view of the amendment to the claims. Applicants also have requested rejoinder of claims 41-52 in the attached Response.

Enclosed is a check for \$300 for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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